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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-13, 31, 32, 38, and 39 are pending in this application. Claims 14-30 and 33-37 are cancelled due to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-8 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,525,492 (Ribarich). Claims 9-13 and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 38 and 39 are allowed. The Specification is objected to because of a typographical error.

Claims 9, 31, and 32 are amended in this paper.

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